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Subject: **HQ USNORTHCOM FORCE PROTECTION ADVISORY MESSAGE05-077 (ANTHRAX)**

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REF/C/DODI 2000.12-H/DOD ANTITERRORISM HANDBOOK/9 FEBRUARY 2004/I

REF/D/CJCSM 3150.03B/JOINT REPORTING STRUCTURE EVENT AND INCIDENT REPORTS/28 JULY 03/I

GENTEXT/REMARKS/

1. THIS ADVISORY SERVES AS A PROCEDURAL REMINDER ON ACTIONS TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO CONTAMINATED PACKAGES, FORCE HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES. REQUEST WIDEST DISSEMINATION POSSIBLE TO ALL DOD PERSONNEL AND ELEMENTS IN THE USNORTHCOM AOR.

2. RECENTLY, TWO INCIDENTS INVOLVING POTENTIAL ANTHRAX CONTAMINATION HAVE AFFECTED DOD ACTIVITIES IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION. REFERENCES A AND B PROVIDE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT.

3. DOD FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL REMAIN VULNERABLE TO CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL ATTACK THROUGH MAIL HANDLING AND DELIVERY FACILITIES. DESPITE OUR TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS TO ASSIST THE SCREENING PROCESS IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT OUR PERSONNEL RECOGNIZE THE THREAT. REFERENCE C, MEASURE BRAVO 6, DOES NOT PROVIDE DETAILED OR SPECIFIC FP MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT. HOWEVER, IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL DOD PERSONNEL REMAIN COGNIZANT OF SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES. ATTACHED HEREIN ARE SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUSPECT PACKAGE.

3A. PRESENCE OF ANY UNUSUAL MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY A POWDER-LIKE SUBSTANCE, EITHER OUTSIDE OF OR WHEN OPENING THE PACKAGE. (WEAPONIZED ANTHRAX EXHIBITS THE CONSISTENCY AND FINENESS OF TALCUM POWDER AND CAN VARY IN COLOR FROM WHITE TO OFF WHITE TO BROWN. LESS SOPHISTICATED ANTHRAX WILL PROBABLY BE LESS CONSISTENT (LUMPY) AND MORE GRANULAR.)

3B. RESTRICTED ENDORSEMENTS SUCH AS "PERSONAL," "PRIVATE," OR CONFIDENTIAL, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ADDRESSEE DOES NOT USUALLY RECEIVE PERSONAL MAIL AT THE OFFICE OR COMMAND.

3C. FICTITIOUS OR NON-EXISTENT RETURN ADDRESSES.

3D. ADDRESS IS MADE OUT IN DISTORTED HANDWRITING, WITH HOMEMADE LABELS, OR CUT-AND-PASTE LETTERING, OR MISSPELLING COMMON WORDS.

3E. IMPROPER TITLES WITH NAME OR ADDRESSED TO TITLE ONLY (A MORE COMMON OCCURRENCE IN MILITARY COMMANDS).

3F. PROTRUDING WIRES, ALUMINUM FOIL, OIL STAINS, DISCOLORATION, OR A PECULIAR ODOR.

3G. CANCELLATION OR POSTMARK FROM A DIFFERENT LOCATION THAN RETURN ADDRESS.

3H. EXCESSIVE POSTAGE OR WEIGHT.

3I. UNPROFESSIONAL WRAPPING WITH SEVERAL COMBINATIONS OF TAPE, STRING, ETC.

3J. SPECIAL ENDORSEMENTS SUCH AS FRAGILE-HANDLE WITH CARE, RUSH-DO NOT DELAY, OR DO NOT X-RAY.

3K. MARKED WITH ANY THREATENING LANGUAGE.

3L. LOPSIDED OR UNEVEN ENVELOPE.

3M. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY ALSO BE FOUND ON THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WEBSITE ([HTTP://WWW.USPS.GOV/CPIM/FTP/NOTICES/NOT71.PDF](http://www.usps.gov/cpim/ftp/notices/not71.pdf))

4. ALL DOD ELEMENTS SHOULD REVIEW STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR INCIDENT RESPONSE AND CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT. LOCAL MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT/UNDERSTANDING WITH CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE REVALIDATED. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) EMERGENCY RESPONSE AT COMMERCIAL (888) 246-2675. VISIT THE FOLLOWING CDC WEBSITE FOR YOUR LOCAL CDC OFFICE PHONE NUMBER AT: [HTTP://WWW.BT.CDC.GOV/CONTACTU5.ASP](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/contactu5.asp).

5. FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION.

5A. ALL DOD ELEMENT AND/OR MILITARY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS SHOULD REVIEW THE CLINICAL PRESENTATION AND MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF ANTHRAX EXPOSURE TO IMPROVE THE PROBABILITY OF EARLY DETECTION AND INTERVENTION.

5B. ALL MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES SHOULD VALIDATE THAT ANTIBIOTICS (CIPROFLOXACIN & DOXYCYCLINE) ARE FULLY STOCKED WITHIN LOCAL ALLOWANCES.

5C. ENSURE PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLINICAL BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES ARE CLEAR AND READY FOR EXECUTION SHOULD SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES/MATERIALS OR CLINICAL CASES PRESENT AT THE INSTALLATION.

5D. FOR INFORMATION ON MAIL HANDLER PROTECTION RELATED TO ANTHRAX VISIT [HTTP://WWW.BT.CDC.GOV/AGENT/ANTHRAX/MAIL/INDEX ASP](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/anthrax/mail/index.asp)

6. INFORMATION SHARING IS A CRITICAL PROCEDURE IN OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSE TO SUCH INCIDENTS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT REPORTS BE RENDERED IN A TIMELY AND EFFICIENT MANNER. ALL DOD ELEMENTS SHOULD REVIEW AND EXERCISE THEIR REPORTING PROCEDURES AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REF D.

7. TO PROVIDE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES, USNORTHCOM J3 WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENTS REFERRED TO IN PARA. 2 AND ANY LESSONS LEARNED AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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